

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE
NATCHITOCHEES LEVEE AND DRAINAGE DISTRICT
December 9, 2008
6:00 p.m.**

BE IT KNOWN that a Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Natchitoches Levee and Drainage District was called in the Police Jury Meeting Room, Natchitoches Parish Courthouse, Natchitoches, Louisiana, on December 9, 2008, with a quorum being present, and roll was called as follows, to-wit:

Board Members present were:

Karlton Methvin, President/Administrator
Doris Rogé, Member
Alfred Bruning, Member
Billy Giddens, Member
Adolph Sklar, Jr., Member
Rayburn Smith, Member
Gary Anderson, Member

Board Members absent were:

Janet Jones, Secretary

Also present were:

Robert Vercher, Maintenance Superintendent
Nick Verrett, DOTD
Gary Eldridge, DOTD
Jerry Longlois, Natchitoches Parish Police Jury
Bill Pondrom, Manco Vegetation Management, Inc.

The minutes from the November 11, 2008 meeting were discussed. On motion by Doris Rogé, seconded by Gary Anderson, the Minutes were approved.

The November, 2008 Financial Statement was reviewed and discussed. On motion by Rayburn Smith, seconded by Adolph Sklar, the November, 2008 Financial Statement was approved.

The Commission recognized Bill Pondrom of Manco Vegetation Management, Inc. Mr. Pondrom advised that he had previously worked for SprayMax, Inc. and thus was familiar with the levees in our District. Although his company is located in south

Louisiana, he expressed a desire to submit a proposal to the Natchitoches Levee and Drainage District the next time there was a need for spraying of vegetation.

The Commission recognized special guest, Jerry Longlois. Mr. Longlois is a member of the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury. He advised that Bayou Passon was backing up and had backed into houses on Fulton Road. He inquired as to whether there was anything the Board could do to help the situation. He indicated the ditch goes through Billy Reed's property, but that Mr. Reed did not want it cleaned because he thinks it will result in damage to his property. Nick Verrett advised that the Commission may owe damages even if we stayed within our servitude.

The Maintenance Report was given by Robert Vercher. Mr. Vercher advised that his crew had begun painting new structures in Clarence and at Alan Solomon's place. He further advised that he had checked on all flood gates that day and the water in the area of each flood gate appeared to be flowing okay. He advised that his crew was continuing to work on the inspection report that was due to the Corps of Engineers in January.

The DOTD report was given by Nick Verrett. He introduced Mr. Gary Eldridge, who will be our DOTD representative in the future. He further advised that DOTD was still working with David McGraw regarding the flood gates located on his property. He felt as though the information received by NRCS was probably sufficient and it appeared as though the structure that was currently in place would be okay. He felt as though DOTD would know for certain by the January meeting, but in all probability they would be able to approve the permitting of the current structure. He also commented on the letter received from the Corps of Engineers dated October 11, 2008, wherein the Corps advised they would not assist in the certification of Federal Levees within our District. Mr. Verrett commented that the only entity that can currently certify the Federal Levees is the entity that designed and built them to begin with. That, of course, would be the United States Government. He indicated that the local Levee District can certify maintenance, but does not have the knowledge or documentation to certify design and construction. He suggested that Corkern contact Rich Brontoli with the Red River Valley Association and ask for his assistance. He concluded by stating that in the absence of assistance from the Corps of Engineers, the request for design and construction certification was beyond what DOTD was capable of doing.

Karlton Methvin gave the Administrator's Report. He advised that he and Robert Vercher had looked at the ditch in Melrose across Sylvester Sers' property and determined that the ditch was in fact owned by the Natchitoches Levee and Drainage District. After further discussion regarding the ditch, Gary Eldridge offered to look at it and make a recommendation. He also advised that he had received a call from the Sheriff's Office that two gates owned by Darla Dunn had been stolen. He suggested to the Sheriff's Department that the theft of gates would not be the responsibility of the Commission.

There being no further business to come before the Board, a Motion was made by Billy Giddens and seconded by Adolph Sklar, and the meeting was adjourned.

Approved on the 13th day of January, 2009, at Natchitoches, Louisiana, at a regularly held meeting.

RONALD E. CORKERN, JR.,
Attorney/Assistant Secretary